

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF MR. JOE HUBBARD

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the exemplary life of Mr. Joe Hubbard, a tireless advocate and dedicated servant for people in need.

For 50 years in the East St. Louis community, Joe Hubbard has been the person that people turn to when they have nowhere else to turn. When a single mother needs shelter and food for her children; when a family has seen all their possessions destroyed in a fire; when an unemployed father has lost all hope of finding a job; or when an elderly person comes to the end of life with no family or friends to see them through their final days, there has been one response—call Joe Hubbard.

Joe Hubbard learned about families in need the hard way. His father experienced a debilitating workplace injury when Joe was young, forcing his family into financial hardship and requiring them to accept assistance from others. No doubt this early experience, in concert with Joe's deep Christian faith and the example of some compassionate mentors, played a significant role in setting him on his life's mission of helping those less fortunate.

As a young man, Joe became involved with the St. Vincent de Paul Society and began to expand his work with the poor through that organization. Realizing the need to provide an organizational foundation to capitalize on Joe's dedication and energy, the Catholic Diocese of Belleville began Catholic Urban Programs with Joe as Coordinator, a position he has held to this day.

There are those who say that Joe Hubbard can accomplish more with one phone call than others could with a week's work. In the past 50 years, Joe has developed many contacts and knows how to pull the right resources together to solve a problem. But Joe Hubbard is not just a high-level administrator. Joe goes into the broken homes and squalid apartments to deliver assistance. He visits the sick and elderly and those in prison. He delivers the food and clothing to families. He holds the hands of people as they lay dying, listening to their final words and seeing to it that they are laid to rest with dignity.

Joe Hubbard has received many accolades for the work he has done ministering to the poor and needy in his community but that has never been what drives him. Joe's faith, his family and many friends and service to his fellow man are important to him. Joe has been quoted, "When you are created in the image and likeness of God . . . We all have a common bond of love." This statement probably best explains what has kept Joe Hubbard doing God's work for his fellow man for these past 50 years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Mr. Joe Hubbard for a lifetime of compassionate care and to wish him the very best in the future.

CONGRATULATING JOSEPH A.
PAGLIANITE ON RECEIVING THE
ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
OF LUZERNE COUNTY'S
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Mr. Joseph A. Paglianite, this year's recipient of the "Lifetime Achievement" award from the Italian American Association of Luzerne County.

The Italian American Association of Luzerne County will hold its 33rd annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania on October 10, 2010.

The Association currently has over 200 members.

Each year, the Association honors one of its members with its "Lifetime Achievement" award. Members meeting broad criteria are nominated and the award is ultimately selected by the Association's Board of Directors.

This year's recipient is Joseph A. Paglianite of Dallas, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Paglianite was born in Wyoming, Pennsylvania on October 13, 1925. He is the son of Antonio and Mary Paglianite.

Mr. Paglianite graduated from Wyoming High School before working as a welder and inspector in the aircraft manufacturing industry.

After a short time working in the aircraft manufacturing industry, Mr. Paglianite was motivated by his Uncle's pizzeria to change careers and enter into the pizza business. In 1953, he opened Joe's Pizza in Harveys Lake, Pennsylvania.

By 1960, with the help of his brother-in-law, Mr. Paglianite had transformed Joe's Pizza into Grotto Pizza, and they opened their first restaurant in Delaware. Over the next few years, Grotto Pizza's success in Delaware led to more locations throughout the state.

In 1988, a fire destroyed the original restaurant in Pennsylvania. Mr. Paglianite and his family rebuilt a new 650-seat restaurant on the original site, and two more restaurants in Edwardsville and Wilkes-Barre quickly followed.

Today, along with the three locations in Northeastern Pennsylvania, there exist eighteen Grotto Pizza restaurants in Delaware.

Mr. Paglianite's success as an entrepreneur has been an inspiration throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania.

This year, the Luzerne County Community College will open the Joseph A. Paglianite Culinary Institute. Mr. Paglianite has donated over one million dollars to LCCC for the development of the new Culinary Institute and a scholarship program for first-year culinary students.

Mr. Paglianite is a member of the Plymouth Rotary Club and a member of the Gate of Heaven Roman Catholic Church in Dallas.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Joseph A. Paglianite on this auspicious occasion. His hard work and generosity will continue to live on in northeastern Pennsylvania for generations.

HONORING U.S. MARINE CORPORAL
AARON HOWELL

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American hero, United States Marine Cpl Aaron Howell from Potsdam, New York. On April 22, 2010, during a mortar attack in Afghanistan, Corporal Howell lost both his legs and most of his fingers on one hand. Close to death, he somehow summoned the will to live. His life and his experiences are an inspiring lesson to us all about the selfless sacrifice and courage of the men and women serving in the military today. As Corporal Howell meets his latest challenge to rebuild his life, we know that this Marine will climb the next mountain and, with his courage and can-do attitude, will serve as an example to us all. I ask that this poem, written by Albert Carey Caswell, in the honor of Corporal Howell's extraordinary courage, be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

HOWELL?

Howell does one go off to war?
Howell do you walk though the valley of death, and yourself ignore?
Howell do you come back from the dead, and rebuild your life again once more?
Howell do you wake up and see your fine legs, and part of your strong hands so gone?
Howell do you find the courage, the strength to somehow move on?
Howell, do you raise your fine head up so high, and want to live, with tears in eye?
For only such things in a magnificent heart of courage so lie!
For only such things our Lord God up in Heaven, the courage so gives!
That against all odds, tells you I still have so much more to this our world to give!
For only such beauty, but comes and so emanates . . . from a heart where faith and courage live!
Yea, you Marine . . . who upon battlefield of honor were so bravely and so heroically seen!
As with your Brothers In Arms, who but did so such many most magnificent things . . .
Living and dying for each other, all in that most heroic hue of green . . .
All in that great glory and high honor, of being a United States Marine . . .
And when on that morning you awoke, all in your tears as you began to choke . . .
As it was when your fine heart so spoke!
Don't give in, don't give up . . . finding hope!
Just Howell, did you find the strength to cope!
Bringing the Angel's up in Heaven to tears, emote!
Just Howell, do you wake on each new morn . . . as oh Howell, you inspire us all with your life so worn!
As you Teach Us . . . as You So Beseech Us . . . as upon our souls your faith adorns!
For you are but the kind of Son, every Father on earth would wish for one!
As you make us understand just Howell Heaven is won!
And Howell against all odds, Thy Will Be Done!
Now, I know Howell!